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the following industrial enterprises in Dimitrovo:

1. DMZ (Durzhaven Mashinen Zavod: State Machine Plant) "Stalin" (shown as #31 on sketch.) This plant manufactures dies, drills, and mining equipment (diggers). It is located in the buildings of the old machine department of the mines, with the addition of some newly constructed buildings. 25X1
2. "Kristal" Glass Factory, which produces bottles, vases, and other glassware. This factory (#1 on sketch) is located on the west side of the old "Krakra" fortress.
3. TETS (Termo-Elektricheska Tsentrala: Thermo-Electric Power Station) "Republika" (#56) and TsOF (Central Coal Enriching Plant) - (#55), located about three kilometers east of Dimitrovo on the north side of the Dimitrovo-Sofia road.
4. Open pit coal mine "Teva," renamed "Aleksandur Milenov" as per Ukaz #194 dated 23 June 1956 issued by the Presidium of the People's Assembly, is the largest coal mine in Dimitrovo. It is equipped with 180-ton Soviet power shovels which are capable of digging five tons of coal in 12 seconds. All the coal from this mine (#46) is sent to the TsOF at the "Republika" TETS via a separate railroad line running parallel to the Dimitrovo-Voluyak

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(N 42-46, E 23-15) railroad line. The coal is loaded in Soviet-built railroad dump cars with a capacity of 80 tons. Although this is the largest coal mine in Dimitrovo, only 800 workers are employed there. No other details about this mine are known.

5. Open pit coal mine "Kutsiyan" (#51), using old Skoda power shovels, is still in operation, but it was rumored that the coal deposit of this mine was running thin.
 6. Horizontal coal mine "Temelko Nenkov" (#14), is the oldest coal mine in Dimitrovo and is still under exploitation. It is located some 20 meters west of the Militia Precinct.
 7. Open pit coal mine "Republika" (#48), is located north of the "Republika" TETS and has three work sites. The coal deposits of this mine caught on fire, and now eight power shovels are trying to dig out the ignited coal in order to restrict the fire.
 8. Horizontal coal mine "Beli Bryag" (#33), is still under exploitation. It is located one kilometer east of DMZ "Stalin," and it has its own separation plant (#34). The coal from "Beli Bryag" is still sold to "Toplivo" enterprises in Sofia and other towns for heating purposes. [redacted] the truck loading ramps and scales have been expanded. 25X1
 9. The newest coal mine in Dimitrovo is the "Tolbukhin" coal mine (not shown on sketch), which is located half the distance of the railroad track between Dimitrovo and Temelkovo (N 42-36, E 22-58) and on both sides of the railroad track. This mine consists of four sites as follows:
 - a. The central mine is located some 50 yards south of the railroad track; the separating plant is located west of the coal mine. A wooden overpass with small gauge railroad tracks connects the separating plant with the sites north of the Dimitrovo-Temelkovo railroad track. A new road with an overpass over the railroad tracks starts from this central mine in a northwesterly direction and connects the central mine with the "Tolbukhin #2" site.
 - b. "Tolbukhin #2" site is located one kilometer northwest of the central mine.
 - c. Site "Tolbukhin-West" is located one-half kilometer northwest of the central mine.
 - d. Site "Tolbukhin-East" is located about one-half kilometer northeast of the central mine.
 - e. "Minstroy" (Mining Construction) Enterprise was working on two shafts, during the summer of 1955, somewhere between sites "Tolbukhin #2" and "Tolbukhin-West." These shafts are close to each other, one being 120 meters deep and the other about 80 meters deep. It was rumored that these shafts would soon be put into operation. The motors of the elevators of both shafts are located in a building north of the shafts. According to rumors, one shaft would be used as an adit, while the second, only as an exit. 25X1
- [redacted] the following information concerning the "Tolbukhin" mines:
- f. [redacted] all of the "Tolbukhin" mines are inter-connected, with the exception of the shafts. The miners of the various sites go to work by taking a small electric train from the central mine which takes them to the various sites; however, the miners of site "Tolbukhin #2" go directly to "Tolbukhin #2", despite the fact that it is linked with the 25X1

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central mine. [] sites "Tolbukhin-East" and "Tolbukhin-West" are used as exits only. It was rumored that "Tolbukhin-East" was four kilometers underground. [] vertical shafts for ventilation all around the mines. The coal production of all the "Tolbukhin" mines, [] was 25 tons daily.

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- g. The central mine is connected by a new road at Bela Voda, Dimitrovo Okoliya, with the Dimitrovo-Temelkovo road. There are miners' quarters on both sides of this road and on both sides of the Struma River.
 - h. Special trains for miners bring workers from the Kyustendil and Stanke Dimitrov areas for the three shifts of this coal mine. The following are the arrival times at Dimitrovo of the Kyustendil train: 0630, 1400, and 2230 hours, and of the Stanke Dimitrov train: 0400, 1430, and 2300 hours. The two trains wait for the outgoing shift to come to the station and then leave for Radomir, where they separate. All miners have commutation cards both for buses and trains.
10. Horizontal coal mine "Brigadir" (#43), is located on the right side of the Dimitrovo-Voluyak railroad, just opposite the briquette factory (#42). The coal from this mine is taken via a small gauge electric train to the separating plant of the coal mine shaft "Georgi Dimitrov" (#41).
 11. Coal mine shaft "Georgi Dimitrov" (#41), is the old "St. Ana" shaft and is still in operation.
 12. Horizontal coal mine "Blagoev #1" (#45), is located some 300 meters north of the administration building of the open pit coal mine "Teva," on the right side of the Dimitrovo-Tsurnel (N 42-39, E 23-05) road. The area of this mine is encircled with barbed wire, since all the workers there are prisoners. The coal from this mine is sent to the Central Coal Enriching Plant together with that from the "Teva" mine.
 13. Horizontal coal mine "Blagoev #2" (#44) is located one kilometer southwest of Divotino (N 42-40, E 23-04), Dimitrovo Okoliya. The coal from this mine is sent via a small gauge electric train to the separating plant of the shaft "Georgi Dimitrov."
 14. The briquette factory (#42) which is located 150 meters west of the shaft "Georgi Dimitrov," produces briquettes, oval in shape, from the coal dust received from the separating plant of the shaft "Georgi Dimitrov." Additional coal dust is sent to the briquette factory from the Central Coal Enriching Plant.
 15. Most of the coal produced in the Dimitrovo coal mines is sent abroad, mostly to the USSR. This explains the shortage of coal in Bulgaria for heating purposes. It was rumored that the way coal is being exploited in the Dimitrovo area, the coal deposits will not last for more than 25 years; in an official statement, however, it was announced that there were coal deposits in the Dimitrovo area to last 150 years.

16. The following is a legend indicating installations on the attached sketch of Dimitrovo:

1. "Kristal" Glass Factory
2. Buildings belonging to Dimitrovo cooperative farm (TKZS)
3. Ancient fortress "Krakra," with restaurant
4. Anti-aircraft position

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5. Housing projects and dwellings
6. Hemp factory and slaughter house
7. City park with swimming pool
8. Playground
9. Engineers quarters of Dimitrovo
10. State Security
11. Mines Directorate building
12. Militia
13. Theater
14. "Temelko Nenkov" Coal Mine
15. Profilactorium and School of Labor Reserves
16. Grade School
17. Trade Union Club
18. Restaurants and shops
19. Library (reading room)
20. House of Culture
21. Post Office
22. High School
23. City Market
24. Urban Council
25. Dimitrovo railroad station
26. Department store
27. Bank
28. Junior High School
29. "Minior" motion picture theater
30. Bakery belonging to the mines
31. "Stalin" Machine Building Plant
32. Repair base for the "Georgi Dimitrov" Coal Shaft
33. "Beli Bryag" Coal Mine
34. "Beli Bryag" Coal Separating Plant
35. Public bath

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36. New hospital (almost completed)
37. Hospitals
38. Dispensary
39. Miners' mess "Shakhtior"
40. Railroad ties factory
41. "Georgi Dimitrov" Coal Shaft
42. Briquette factory
43. "Brigadir" Coal Mine
44. "Blagoev #2" Coal Mine
45. "Blagoev #1" Coal Mine (where prisoners work)
46. "Teva" Open Pit Coal Mine, renamed "Aleksandur Milenov"
47. "Republika" Coal Mine, separating plant, and administration
48. "Republika #2" Coal Mine
49. "Minstroy" Railroad Station at "Republika #2" Coal Mine
50. "Teva" Kvartal of Dimitrovo
51. "Kutsiyan" Open Pit Coal Mine
52. Iron rolling mills ("Lenin" State Metallurgical Plant)
53. Marshalling yards (Dimitrovo Freight Station)
54. New locomotive depot
55. TsOF (Central Coal Enriching Plant)
56. "Republika" TETS, 20,000 kilowatts
57. Transformer yard (open air transformers)
58. Water pumps
59. "Dimitrovo" TETS, 6,000 kilowatts
60. Moulding factory of "Stalin" Machine Building Plant
61. Anti-aircraft positions
62. Electric streetcar.

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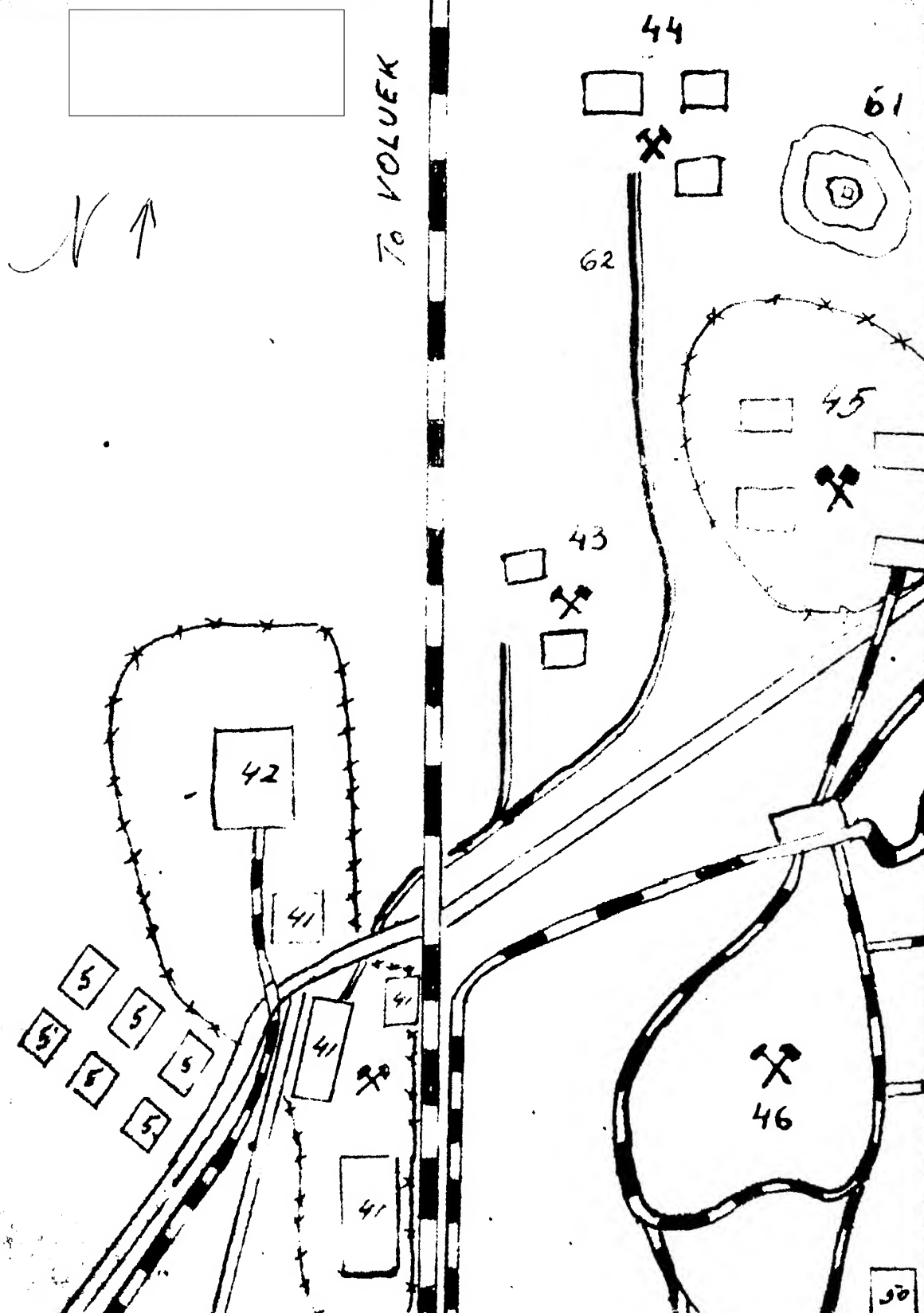
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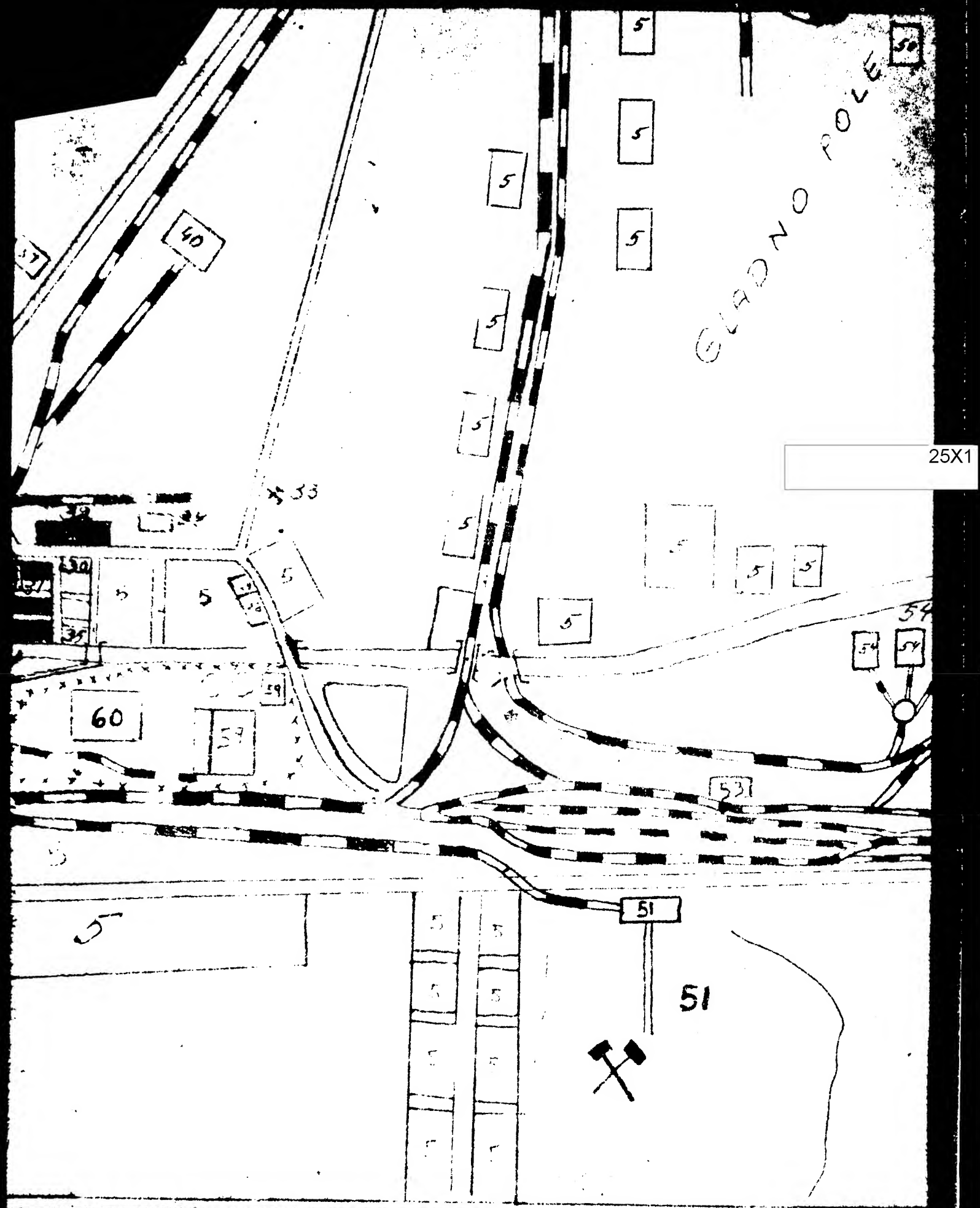
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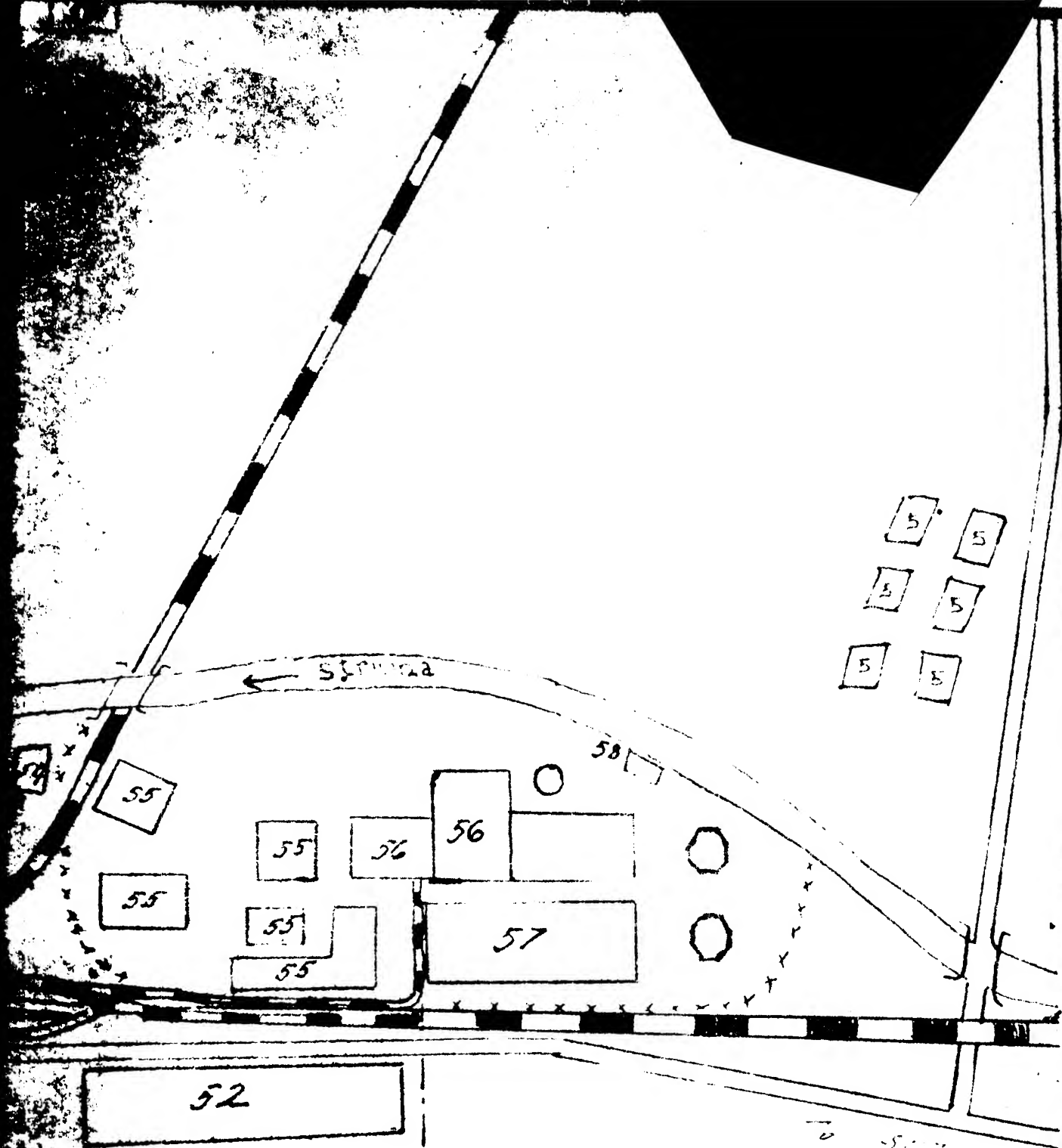
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